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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Council of Fresno County of Governments' (COFCG) 2004/05-2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies or adds various projects in Fresno County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Surface Transportation Program (STP). See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 5 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Please note that approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

The updated programming has been found by COGCG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. COFCG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Barbara Goodwin - Council of Fresno County of Governments
- Renee Devere - Council of Fresno County of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti- Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde – Caltrans